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A Profile of Local Churches

An Interview with Dr. Mark Lau Branson

New to the Pasadena area? Looking for a church? Data being collected by Dr. Mark Lau Branson and Dr. Joe Colletti provides a good “big picture” view of the Christian community in Pasadena and Altadena. The SEMI thanks Dr. Branson for sharing some results of the “Church-Based Urban Research” project.

Tell us about your research. How did it originate?

Dr. Joe Colletti, an adjunct professor, and I created the course “Church-Based Urban Research” (CBUR) to help future church leaders gain skills, perceptions and commitments concerning how congregations relate to their context. Students do hands-on research in neighborhoods and inside congregations.

How many churches are in Pasadena and Altadena?

We found 195 churches in almost 60 denominations. We know that number is always fluctuating. Through questionnaires, phone calls and interviews we have acquired statistical information on about 100 of these churches.

What is the average size of local churches?

It is difficult to determine the size of churches. Do you count kids? Anyone who comes once per year? Those who come to activities other than worship? In the 100 churches researched, 54 have 100 or fewer in Sunday morning worship, 28 have between 101 and 250, 12 have 251 to 1000, and 6 congregations have over 1,000.

Which are the largest?

Seven congregations (the six in our CBUR research and another that did not respond) have over 1,000 people in attendance on Sundays. Four are Roman Catholic, and the other three are Calvary Chapel, All Saints Episcopal Church and Lake Avenue Congregational Church. Except for the Roman Catholic churches, these churches tend to have a large number of commuters. That changes the dynamics on how they relate to their neighborhoods.

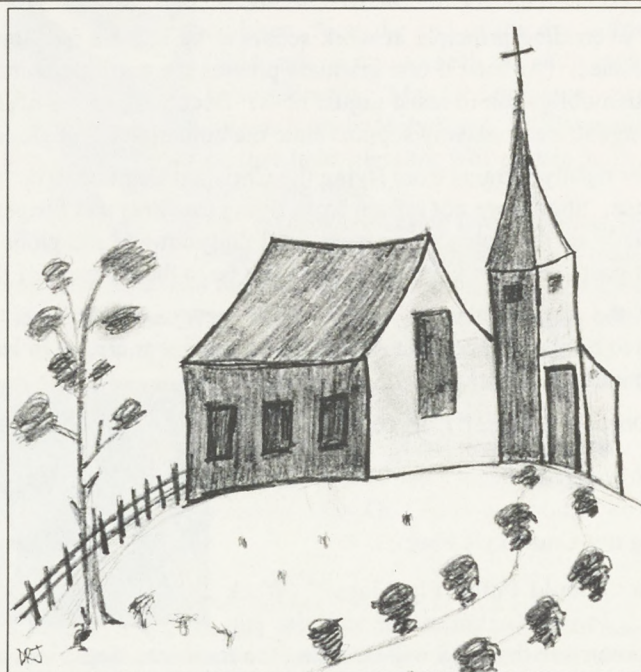
How would you describe the ethnic diversity of area churches?

If we look at the overall ethnicity of church attendees, about 35% are white, 30% are African American, 22% are Latino and 11% are Asian/Asian-American. There are 31 (of 100) churches in which 20% or more of those who attend are not of the majority ethnic group. (The 80/20 measurement is often used by statisticians to describe a church as “multicultural.” My own bias is that you need more than some statistical percentage to be multicultural.)

We have ethnic data on 136 churches: 13 have no majority group, 53 are majority white, 40 are majority African-American, 20 are majority Latino and 10 are mainly Asian.

In the 1970s, Pastor George Van Alstine began intentionally nurturing a biracial congregation at Altadena Baptist Church, which had a Swedish history. More recently Kerwin Manning is leading

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Drawing by Deepa R. Joseph

Where's that Perfect Church?

by Deepa R. Joseph

I have a vision of walking into this church. It is a modest structure built perhaps in the fifties. It is clean and uncluttered, with a plainly carved wooden cross on the wall above a shallow altar. Ordinary folks like me gather for the morning service. Everything is simple. By the end of the service, I've had a compelling experience. The kindness and passion of the people there has infected me with a longing to return the following Sunday.

In reality my experience has been quite the opposite. It's been two years since I've moved here, and my quest for a home church in the Pasadena area has been a tiresome venture.

How tricky can it be for a seminary student to find a home church in a city crowded with churches? During the initial phase of my church-hopping period, I found comfort thinking that it would naturally be a slow process for an introvert like me to ease into a new environment. But whether one is an introvert or not, it is still intimidating and embarrassing to sit alone *again* for the seemingly endless greeting-and-meeting time.

I am a pastor's kid and church was a natural part of childhood and youth. More than a meeting place on Sunday mornings, church was a community, a home, a place where I belonged. Having spent my early years in India, I brought that understanding of the church into my search for a church here. But venturing out on my own as a single adult and trying to fit in to a church by myself was an altogether different scene. If the Church is the Body of Christ, many parts forming one body, why is it hard for some to find their place in that body?

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A Convenient Rallying Space?

Several points to ponder in response to Howard Wilson's thoughtful explanation of Fuller's decision to fly the American flag:

- The overriding principle at work seems to be if there is a state law we should be in compliance. (At least if one graduate presses the patriotic point!) What of the equally Christian obligation to resist unjust laws? Becoming aware of the law might lead us to challenge it, not passively support state manipulation of religious freedom!
- Fuller rightly refrains from flying the Christian flag due to its historic association with violence. Should we not refrain from flying the Stars and Stripes for the same reason—especially as its violence is perpetuated daily around the globe and not a vestige of a darker past? Perhaps Christians ought not be in the business of flying flags of any kind!

If the flag remains, at least it might serve as a convenient rallying space around which to hold up to the light America's ongoing war crimes in Iraq and domestic abuses at home like the Patriot Act!

Kent Davis Sensenig (SOT, Ph.D.)



Flying my Country's Flag

In "Should Fuller Fly Flags?" (Week One), John Barkman describes his disappointment that FTS will be flying the American flag. First, he objects that "we now have the national flag flying over a church institution," which offends his "undivided loyalty to Jesus." But there is no such thing as an official "church institution," at least in Protestantism. And if he is speaking unofficially, then Christians for McClintock and the Family Research Council are also church institutions. Fuller is an educational institution—no more, no less. Furthermore, why should Fuller's flag offend Mr. Barkman's undivided loyalty to Jesus? If I assumed that FTS must always reflect my own personal opinions, I would be badly disillusioned by now.

Second, Mr. Barkman claims "the timing of the flagpole installation is bad" because it implies that FTS approves of the war. First of all, it is rarely bad timing to comply with the law, and California state law mandates the flag. Second, if flying a flag implies approval of the war, then criticizing American foreign policy implies hatred of America. I personally felt disenfranchised throughout the entire Clinton administration, but I flew the flag proudly despite my serious misgivings about Clinton's military interventions in Somalia, Haiti, and Bosnia, among other places.

Finally, Mr. Barkman asks, "How do we honor the Prince of Peace in a time of violence?" Again, it should be obvious that violence or the threat of it is usually necessary to *deter* or *subdue* violence. (Think of your local police.) Leaving that aside, I sometimes wonder if those who talk about the Prince of Peace are referring to the same guy who fashioned a whip and drove the money-changers out of the temple, who "did not come to bring peace but a sword," who "in righteousness He judges and makes war," and who will "strike the nations" with a "sharp sword" and "rule them with a rod of iron." Perhaps Mr. Barkman's Prince of Peace is a one-sided, one-dimensional caricature of the real Prince?

I have now and then been ashamed of the policies of the U.S. government. But I have *never* been ashamed to be an American and I have *never* been ashamed to fly my country's flag, in church or anywhere else.

Stephen L. Dolson-Andrew (SOT, Ph.D.)

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Upcoming Chapels



Wednesday, October 8

Dr. Marianne Meyer Thompson, professor of New Testament interpretation, will lead us in the first of a series of reflections by our faculty on the theme of "The Gospel for Our Time and For All Time." Travis Auditorium.

Wednesday, October 15

Dr. Alexis Abernethy, associate professor of psychology, will lead us in reflecting on the timeliness and timelessness of the Gospel message. Travis Auditorium.

In a World Aflame

A Tribute to Fuller's Students

by Dr. Tim Kelly



Tonight I had the privilege of sitting among a sea of students at Farnsworth Park in Altadena, after dark, singing songs of praise. It was the end of a long day of orientation for the incoming

class of Psychology and Marriage & Family students—over 90 young men and women coming from as far away as Norway. These students will devote years of their life, a great deal of treasure and all their heart to the studies we faculty offer them. They have chosen a career path that will not lead to great wealth or fame but an opportunity to minister to those who have been burned by a world aflame.

As I sang, enjoying the heartfelt song and harmonizing around me, I scanned the students' faces and was moved. There were Dan and Sarah, strumming their guitars, eyes closed and faces lifted up. There was Sunitha, one of my best students last year, singing alto in a truly beautiful voice. There was Lizz, the student body president, who tirelessly led the team that organized the day's flawless proceedings. Around me were several students with spouses and children, one child born only a few weeks ago. Beside me was Mark, one of my advisees, singing in a deep bass voice. And it suddenly struck me: these are truly good people, and I am privileged to be among them.

Perhaps it struck me because I had just come from watching the California gubernatorial debate on TV—five highly ambitious people desperately vying to best each other. Their faces were very different from those of the students. Or perhaps it was the memory of President Bush's address to the U.N. yesterday morning, delivered to a sea of hostile and skeptical faces. Or perhaps it was the chorus we were singing: "God of wonders beyond our galaxy—you are holy, holy. The universe declares your majesty—you are holy, holy."

As Billy Graham so aptly put it almost 40 years ago, the world is indeed aflame. Our country's leaders struggle to address the pressing issues of the day, and in an age of terrorism we all know anything could happen. Upon what do we found our hope for the future? The U.N.'s ability to come together as a world body? California's next governor? How about the Fuller students, empowered by the One whose majesty they declare?

Our students face all the challenges and difficulties of humankind in the 21st century, and they are no more perfect than any others. But their faces, especially tonight, tell a wonderful tale. These are not just good people, they are godly people, and as such they are our hope for the future. We faculty are privileged to work with them for a few years—before sending them on to do their part in a world aflame.



Dr. Tim Kelly is associate professor of Psychology and director of clinical training.

The SEMI Says Goodbye to Leslie



During my last day as SEMI editor, my yet-to-be-born twin girls and I enjoyed many different blessings. Most consisted of sideways hugs that carefully avoided my belly and promises of future prayer for my children. Near the end of the day, a friend laid hands on my stomach and addressed the babies directly, "May God embrace you and fill you with the Holy Spirit..." The memory of that bold blessing will remain with me for a long time.

If there's one thing I've learned as SEMI editor, it's that true community is built on bold blessings—the kind that express solid trust in one another and in God. The SEMI is at its best when writers boldly address the community in ways that demonstrate these qualities, when articles reflect the vulnerability of honest opinion, the strength of conviction and the gentleness of Christian love.

Inspired by my friend and by SEMI writers, I leave my position determined to trust others and God enough to bless boldly my new community. May God empower you to do the same.

Leslie (SOT, MAT) and her husband, Tim (SOT, M.Div.), are moving to San Luis Obispo, CA, where Tim will work with People's Self-Help Housing Corporation and Leslie will work as a full-time mom and freelance editor and writer. Their twins are due right around Christmas.

The SEMI Welcomes New Editor



I would like to thank the Student Life & Services Office for letting me serve as the new SEMI editor. Here are some fun facts about me:

Where are you from: Minneapolis, MN.

How do you eat your Oreo cookies: I crush my Oreos and mix them in french vanilla ice cream.

What do you do for fun: Hang out, drink coffee, go for long walks, read, salsa dance and enjoy the fine arts.

Favorite bands: Africando, Bond, Dave Matthews, Toby Mac, and U2. I also like jazz and latin music and soundtracks from Broadway plays.

Favorite movies: *Good Will Hunting*; *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*; *Star Wars*; and Broadway musicals like *Chicago*.

Favorite novel: *The Count of Monte Cristo*.

Favorite website: www.criinc.net

Favorite SEMI duty: Correcting professors' grammatical and spelling errors.

Seth Zielicke (SOT, MAT)
SEMI Editor

voices

How long did it take you to find a local church?



Irene Eng
SOT, M.Div.

I knew I wanted to attend an Asian American church. My sister helped me find Evergreen Baptist of L.A., so I already knew what church I wanted to attend before I arrived.

Tracey Brown
SOT, M.Div.

It took me two months and I didn't have a car. There are too many churches, but I finally started attending Pasadena Church of God.



Rob Muthiah
SOT, Ph.D.

It took us two days to find a home church. We had a good idea of what was important to us before we started looking. The greatest challenge is sticking with [a church] until relationships develop. It's not realistic to pick up where you left off at your old church.

Greg Macdonald
SIS, MACCS



It took me one month to find a local church. The greatest challenge was the time it takes. You have to wait a week to visit another church. I currently attend Christian Assembly in Eagle Rock.

The beach is my church. - *Anonymous*

I can't tell you. I have a reputation to uphold. - *Anonymous*

As a single person, church doesn't meet my present needs. - *Anonymous*

Time for Church?

by Pastor George Van Alstine

Life during your seminary years is quite a balancing act. Coursework itself is a heavy load. On top of this, many Fuller students have to work part or full-time to cover expenses. Couples and those with children have additional concerns. By the time you give a substantial piece of yourself to each of these commitments, there's not much left for anything else.

Like church! How can you possibly fit involvement in a local church into your schedule? Attendance on a Sunday morning? Probably, unless there's a paper due on Monday morning. Anything more? The odds seem against it. And yet most seminary grads would say involvement in a local church was an important part of their education for ministry.

By attending a local church, theological concepts learned in the lecture hall can be immediately tested in the laboratory of life. This keeps you from being educated away from the church during seminary, which is a very real danger.

Of course, Fuller's faculty and administration know this, and that's why they've required Field Education in the M.Div. program. Students are forced to deal with a local church. Force is not an ideal motivation for ministry, so it's much better to do your internship in a church where you already volunteer. This way, the church family supports you as one of their own



Lake Avenue Church, Pasadena, CA



Altadena Baptist Church, Pasadena, CA

rather than seeing you as a "foreign missionary" from Fuller.

Whether or not your degree requires a formal internship, serving the Lord through a local church can greatly develop your ministry. A local congregation that gives you an opportunity to serve is entrusting some of its people to you, trusting that your influence on them will be positive. And a pastor or lay-leader can provide many hours of valuable direction based on his or her own experiences.

And there's also the "political thing." Each denomination's polity is a little different, and seminary days are the ideal time to educate yourself on how your denomination works. By observing the governance of a local church, you can see how boards and committees make decisions and how clergy leadership interacts with this process. You will be exposed to processes such as ordination, pastoral and staff searches and area denominational gatherings. You will also meet people who may help facilitate your future ministry opportunities.

Most importantly, don't forget your own spiritual needs. You may be studying about God, but you still need to know God as your Friend and Savior. A local congregation provides you with an environment in which your spiritual needs and those of your family can be met. Remember, it may not be the pastor but rather a simple, loving old lady who becomes the conduit of God's grace to you.

Altadena Baptist Church is just one of the local churches that regularly interacts with the Fuller community. For half a century Fuller has influenced our church. Faculty and staff have been part of the congregation; and many students have made it their church away from home. These Fuller relationships have helped shape the church and its ministry.

Students who have worshiped and served at our church during their study days

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You Need a Church... And it Needs You

by James Kissi-Ayithey

Is it important that I become a member of a local congregation as a seminary student? Yes, belonging to a local church while in graduate school is essential.

While I applaud classroom devotions and chapel services, they should not be considered substitutes for the local church. Meeting exclusively with Christians who are

basically the same as you (similar in age, education, marital or social status) does not model the full body of Christ. In fact, doing so can cause quite a shock after graduation, when the local church becomes your primary source of spiritual support, learning and service. Participating in the diverse body of a local congregation can help you adjust to a new spiritual environment.

Local church membership is also an expression of mutual accountability between members and their spiritual leaders. It tells the minister that he or she is "your" pastor, and "you" are his or her responsibility. It declares that you can be counted on to be there, not only to receive spiritual nourishment, guidance and counseling, but also to help support the church with your time, labor and finances.

Even more importantly, your membership in a church represents a commitment to the body of believers—an expression of love and devotion to the people of God. This is necessary for maintaining a right relationship with God. It is evidence that we're

walking in God's light, and it will prevent us from falling (1 John 1:7; 2:10). It's no wonder that Scripture discourages absence from church meetings (Heb. 10:25).

Not only do you need the church, the church needs you. As a seminary student, you can serve the church with your gifts and talents.

But how does one choose a church? Speaking from experience, I'll say it is not an easy thing to do, especially in Los Angeles.

Although we cannot choose a church for you, we hope the following guidelines from Roger Hendricks might aid you in some way:

- Look for an open and warm congregation. While openness and warmth may find different expressions in different people, genuine Christian love is unmistakable.
- Meet with a pastor. Watch out for pastors who refer to the church body as "they" instead of "we." It's a warning light for distance between the pastor and the congregation.
- Beware of churches whose membership is predominantly students. Such churches by nature lack the diversity which is part of the strength of the body of Christ.
- Make a commitment. This might only come about after several "church shopping" trips. But once you've decided on one, commit yourself there and be responsible.
- Look for chances to participate.

ASC is working to help you connect with a local church. We will host a Church Connections Luncheon on Wednesday, October 15, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Payton 101. You will have time to talk with pastors from the area over a free lunch. Please call Hillary Viets, ASC administrator (584-5452) to find out more or to reserve a seat at the event.

Remember, your new local church can become a home away from home. You can gain much from a church—and it can gain much from you.

James Kissi-Ayithey (SIS, Ph.D.) is SIS GU president. He comes from Ghana, where he serves as lecturer at Central University and pastor of International Central Gospel Church in Accra.



That Perfect Church

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I admit I didn't start my journey at Fuller because of a great desire to advance the kingdom of God. I came to rediscover Christianity, to find answers to painful questions and to find the God I knew as a child. Church was the last place I expected to be lonely, but it turned out to be the one place where I often felt completely alone.

A number of things frustrate me when it comes to church. I once asked a friend about a local church. She replied, "That place is a meat market! You don't want to go there unless your intentions are something else." After leaving a Sunday service at a church in a wealthy part of town, I thought, "These people are in for

a shock when they figure out that Jesus was not white."

I went through many stages of frustration, and frequently at myself. Am I being too picky? Am I looking for a custom-made church? Do I not know there is no such thing? Of course I do. I merely ask for a place where I am content, a place where I look forward to going back to again.

When I moved to Pasadena in 2001, I did so in hopes of being in a place I could cope living in, finding a community to belong to and a church to call home. Now two years later, I can honestly say I enjoy living in Pasadena and I have found a community here I love being part of, although I have yet to find a home church.

I would like to say to all those in search of a church, you are not alone! Do not be

discouraged. And when it seems easy to give up on what seems to be a hypocritical bunch of people, press on even harder.

Lastly, a word for you extroverted folks. Next time you are in church and see someone walk in alone, be kind and strike up a conversation. An extraordinary thing will happen to that person. He or she will see Jesus in you and sense their place in the body of Christ.

Deepa Joseph (SOT, MAT) is production editor for the SEMI. One of her favorite church memories is attending a church service conducted in four languages in Beer-Sheva, Israel.



Local Churches

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Pasadena Church of God, a historically African American church, toward a more culturally diverse makeup.



God's House of Prayer for All Nations, Pasadena, CA



North Pasadena Church of Christ, Pasadena, CA

Fuller Housing is developing residences in connection with some churches, and M.Div. students are doing their internships in local churches. I am encouraged by these new efforts.

In how many different languages are services held on any given Sunday?

We learned of 12 languages. When we were recording the data, we noticed one student wrote "Telugu," which we thought was an erroneous entry—perhaps intended to be Tagalog, a common Filipino language. Then I found a Telugu website and discovered Telugu is a large language group in India. (We need more SIS students in this class!)

In what ways are churches involved in their communities?

Many churches are supportive of ecumenical outreach activities. Union Station has a variety of services for homeless persons. Friends In Deed, organized by the Ecumenical Council of Pasadena

Area Churches, provides food and clothing. Pasadena Covenant Church hosts a winter shelter.

The churches' most common activities, often focused on their own members and nearby neighbors, are food pantries, used clothing, cash assistance and daycare. Other common activities include voter registration, tutoring, health programs,

advocacy on social issues, prison ministries, immigration services and employment counseling. A few have developed housing, including senior housing. Pastor Jean Burch and Community Baptist helped develop the largest affordable housing community in Pasadena. Several churches working alongside the Coalition for Zero Violence are providing numerous services in connection with local schools.

What have you learned about the involvement of the Fuller community in area churches?

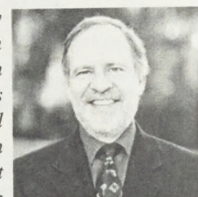
Even though Fuller graduates serve a few local churches, there have not been many significant connections. I often hear that Fuller is better known in Nairobi or Manila than in Pasadena. National research has shown Fuller is not unlike most seminaries in that it tends to be disconnected from its local environment.

More recently, however, Fuller's community connections are increasing. Each year several events welcome pastors onto campus. Some professors are involved in churches and their outreach in the community. (I am aware that a number of faculty are active at Pasadena Mennonite Church and Pasadena Covenant Church.)

What recommendations do you have for Fuller students regarding finding a church and getting involved?

It is easy to sideline church involvement during seminary years. This seems absurd to me. And while students may benefit some from attending a variety of churches, I believe they benefit much more from roots, even if they are temporary. Whether one is planning to be employed as a congregational leader or pursue other ministries, it is essential to center one's life in a congregation. Faithful, relational, even missional involvement in a local church provides a helpful context for reflecting on what is being gained in classes. Internships are critical for students who wish to pursue official denominational connections, and early connections in local congregations can lead to good opportunities.

Mark Lau Branson is associate professor of the Ministry of the Laity at Fuller. Dr. Branson's ordination is from an African American Pentecostal Church, his doctorate is from a Jesuit (Roman Catholic) university, and he earned his masters at Claremont School of Theology (United Methodist). His family is now active at First Presbyterian of Altadena, a historically Japanese American church that is increasingly multicultural. He is also active in working with other churches throughout the community.



First Lutheran Church, Pasadena, CA



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have often remained part of the church's family even when their subsequent place of service has been thousands of miles away. Our church (and probably many others) follows the ministry of Fuller alums for years after they leave the congregation.

I came to Fuller in 1959. My wife and I settled into Altadena Baptist Church for our place of worship. We were allowed to minister to high school and college young people. We were also invited into members' homes for meals and fellowship. After graduation, we moved to the East Coast, thinking that our Fuller and Altadena Baptist days were behind us. But in 1972 I received a surprise call from Altadena Baptist, and I have been pastor here since then.

Something good must have happened in my ministry here when I was a seminarian, or they wouldn't have called me. Something good must have come into my life from the church during that time, or I wouldn't have responded to the call.

George Van Alstine is co-pastor of Altadena Baptist Church in Altadena.



Join the AAR as a Student Member!

by Willy Hernandez

The American Academy of Religion (AAR), the major learned society and professional association of research scholars and teachers in the field of religious studies and theology, encourages student membership and involvement. Students currently make up close to 30 percent of the AAR's membership, and the Academy has in recent years worked to respond to the needs of its student members by integrating them into the organization and aiding them in their professional development.

Benefits of membership include participation in the annual Academy conferences (co-sponsored by the Society of Biblical Literature), which attracts over 8,000 scholars from all over the world. The 2003 annual meeting will be held November 22-25 in Atlanta, Georgia. Aside from the many opportunities for networking, exploring job openings and presenting academic papers, graduate students can take advantage of workshops on topics such as teaching, interviewing, resumé writing, mentoring, publishing and dissertation writing.

For those interested in spirituality and spiritual formation, the AAR includes a Christian Spirituality study group hosted by the Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality (SSCS), which publishes *Spiritus: A Journal of Christian Spirituality* (Johns Hopkins University Press). For more information on membership and journal subscription, see <http://muse.jhu.edu/journal.scs>.

For more information about AAR student involvement, visit www.aarweb.org/students or contact Willy Hernandez, Fuller's student liaison to the AAR, at wil@fuller.edu.

Willy Hernandez (SOT, Ph.D.) is also an adjunct professor.

Goodbye to "Caring, Loyal and Tigger Loving" Maryan

Clinical Psychology's Maryan Hinkel

Retires after 13 Years of Service

by Rebecca Russo



Maryan Hinkel came to Fuller in early 1990 to work as a temporary receptionist in SOP. On October 3, 2003, she will retire as the associate director of academic affairs in the department of Clinical Psychology. Maryan never expected to retire from Fuller, but is grateful to be at the seminary for this stage in her life journey. Leaving Fuller after 13 years "will not be an easy transition," she says, because "Fuller has become my second home."

During what she calls the "first phase" of her adult life, Maryan married and also raised three daughters and a son. She considers her time at Fuller to have been "a wonderful second phase." In her third phase, she and her husband hope to move to their

ranch in the Sierra Nevada foothills. They also want to spend time visiting their four children and eight grandchildren in California and Colorado.

Maryan cherishes many good memories of her Fuller career. One of the funniest, she recalls, is when Dr. Archibald Hart, then SOP dean, and John Court, director of SOP's Psychological Center, chased each other around with Super Soakers while she and Bert Jacklitch tried to dodge the line of fire.

Bert Jacklitch, former assistant to the dean in SOP and the person who hired Maryan, has this to say about her colleague:

When I think about Maryan, words like *good friend, caring, loyal and Tigger-loving* all come to mind. While she certainly has taken her job seriously, she is also fun-loving and has a great sense of humor. I will miss her being on campus on a daily basis. She deserves the best!

Dr. Archibald Hart, senior professor and dean emeritus of SOP, shares similar sentiments about Maryan:

From the outset Maryan stood head and shoulders above the ordinary person. Both Bert Jacklitch, who was my administrator, and I recognized her extraordinary talent, and she quickly became our most valued associate. But more than being a remarkably able administrator, Maryan is one of the kindest, most sensitive and supportive associates I have had the privilege to work with. She is always interested in someone else's life issues, and only reluctantly imposes her own issues on others. I will miss her very much. She may not know this, but often when I felt down and went by the mailbox to get my mail, Maryan would come by and administer a word of encouragement. I'm going to miss that!

It is clear that in her 13 years of service, Maryan Hinkel has been a valued employee and friend to students, faculty and staff. We wish her the best in her retirement and God's blessing on her future plans.



Rebecca Russo (SOT, M.Div.) is a staff writer.

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Looking for some good old-fashioned sin? Tired of your gluttony-free walk with the Lord? Is your lack of American consumerism getting you down? A Costco card is now available for use by Fuller students, faculty, and staff. Please come to the ASC office in the Catalyst to check out the Costco card. You must leave your Fuller Theological Seminary ID card. In order to make the card available to all students, the Costco card must be returned in 24 hours or a fine of \$10 per day late will be issued. Just a reminder that Costco accepts only cash, ATM Debit cards, American Express and Fuller Issued checks for payment. Personal checks and other credit cards are not accepted.

Fuller Life

Pictures from Orientation Week



In Brief

The SEMI invites you to contribute community news to our new weekly column, "In Brief." Send your announcements to semi-editor@dept.fuller.edu. Please keep announcements under two sentences and please include school, program, title and contact information.

Jennifer Vantrease (SOT student and staff in the Office of Financial Aid) and Guy Kinnear (art professor at Azusa Pacific University) were married in Barker Commons on June 29, 2003. They are now residing in Azusa.

I have just returned from knee surgery and wish to thank all those for their prayers, calls and cards, which have helped my recovery time. Blessings to all. Marilyn Marshall, Legal Dept.

These are the winners of last week's Boredom Buster Crossword Puzzle contest: Heather Oswalt Stricklin (SOT, MAT), Nathan Biornstad (SOT, M.Div.), Susan Wood (SOT, M.Div., 1999) and Christine Guevara (SOP, Ph.D.).



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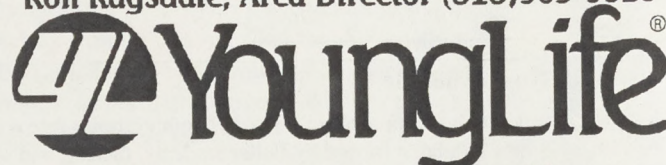
11:30-1:00 Friday, Oct. 17

Barker Commons behind the
Catalyst

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YoungLife Eat some good food and
meet some tasty people.

If you have ANY prior history with Younglife, then consider yourself invited to the 2003 FTS Younglife Reunion. We want to meet you, and we want you to meet each other!

Ron Ragsdale, Area Director (818)903-9929



Staff and volunteer opportunities.
Call for information and interview.

Campus Events and Announcements

Mission Concerns Committee Breakfast

Thursday, October 9, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Faculty Commons

Come interact with Dr. Karkkainen on the question of "God's Mission and Me" from a systematic theology angle.

Call for Sermons

Sermons I've Never Heard: Seminarians Preach on Silence and Violence in their Religious Traditions.

Project Description: A compilation of sermons written by seminarians in which they reflect on and analyze (1) biblical texts that were never preached in their own religious experience and the messages implicit in that tradition, and/or, (2) tradition-specific interpretations of biblical texts that have been uncritical of possible points of collusion with a larger history of Christian violence. Please e-mail isaacs4@hotmail.com for sermon guidelines.

Seeking Pastor

Cobblestone Community Church, located in the "university town" of Oxford, OH, is seeking a Pastor of Community Life.

The Pastor of Community Life's responsibilities will focus on four ministry areas:

- Pastoral Care and Counseling
- Volunteer Management
- Community Care
- Preaching (approx. 10 times a year)

Preferred Qualifications: Seminary degree or degree in counseling with 2-5 years of experience in practical church leadership and ministry.

Annual salary: \$35,000 - \$50,000, based on experience.

For more information see the Career Services website at www.fuller.edu/career.

SUPPORT

All student wives are invited to SUPPORT, the Bible study, prayer and fellowship group just for you! A warm welcome awaits you.

• **SUPPORT Bible Study AM group**, every Wednesday, 9:15-11:30 a.m. Pasadena Presbyterian Church, 3rd floor (corner of Colorado and Madison Ave.) For more information, contact Kristy at 584-5750.

• **SUPPORT Bible Study PM group**, every Thursday, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Koinonia Community Life Center. No childcare is provided. The leader is Patty Frey. For more information, contact Patty at 796-7487 or 584-5994.

Free Therapy. The Department of Marriage and Family is offering 10 free counseling sessions to engaged couples, married couples and families who wish to improve their interaction patterns. For more information, call Kenichi Yoshida at 584-5415. Space is limited. Not available to SOP students.

Ten Free Sessions of Therapy. The Clinical Division of the School of Psychology offers ten sessions of free therapy provided by students earning a doctoral degree in clinical psychology. This program is ideal for relationship issues, life transitions, personal growth, mild mood difficulties, stress, self-esteem and identity issues. It is also ideal for those who hope to provide counseling themselves, as it provides an opportunity to be "on the other side." For more information, contact Fuller Psychological and Family Services at 584-5555.

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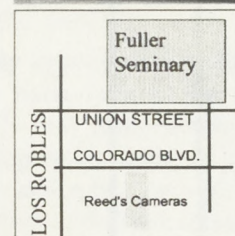
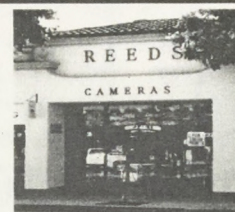
DIGITAL CAMERA PRINTS

PROJECTION RENTALS

FLASHES - TRIPODS

PHOTO ALBUMS - FRAMES

9-5:30 M-F, 9-5 SATURDAY



The Services section of the SEMI is for announcing services not offered by Fuller. Individuals are personally responsible for evaluating the quality and type of service before contracting or using it. The SEMI and Student Life and Services do not recommend or guarantee any of the services listed.

Services

Communicate with Presence, Ease and Flow.

Discover the soul of speaking, using a gentle, natural approach to authenticity and effective connection, with SPEAKING CIRCLES. Founder Lee Glickstein facilitates a special weekend of workshops in Los Angeles from Fri-Sun, October 17-18-19. To register and for information, see www.speakingcircles.com, or call 1-800-610-0169.

Lawyers at Fuller? Yes. Meet other lawyers attending seminary as well as local attorneys at the monthly luncheon meeting of the Christian Legal Society, fourth Thursday of each month at the University Club. Call 584-5484 for info.

Auto Repair. Engine repair, tune-ups, oil change, brakes, batteries, etc. Complete service. Hrant Auto Service, 1477 E. Washington Blvd., Pasadena. Call 798-4064 for an appointment.

Worship in German. 'Christuskirche' is not far. We have a German language ministry serving the L.A. basin. For folks with insufficient German knowledge most of the service is translated on screen. You are welcome to worship with us and follow Jesus Christ. Sunday worship: 10:30 a.m. Info: 818-500-0786, www.Christuskirche.us or info@Christuskirche.us

Psychology Research Problems Solved! Fuller SOP Ph.D. alumnus with 20 years experience as statistician for thesis or dissertation consultations. Worked on hundreds of projects. Teaches graduate research courses. Designing "survivable" research proposals a specialty. Methods Chapter tune-ups. Survey development. Provides multivariate data analysis using SAS or SPSS. Statistical results explained in simple English! Assistance with statistical table creation and report write-up. Final oral defense preparation. Fuller community discounts. Call for free phone consultation. Tom Granoff, Ph.D., 310-640-8017.

Email tgranoff@lmu.edu. Visa/Discover/MasterCard/AMEX accepted.

For Sale

Guitar. Art & Lutherie, solid-top cherry wood. Comes with hard case, strap, picks, electronic tuner, guitar stand and music stand. \$250. Call Carsten at 354-5433.

Toyota Tercel. 1995 good condition, low mileage. Automatic, air-conditioning, asking \$3500.00 but might negotiate. Contact Koby at 318-0744.

For Rent

Mountain Retreat. Beautiful country-style cabin, 2 bedrooms (limit 8 persons), located in the Big Bear area, available to the Fuller community. Rates: \$149 per weekend; \$349 per week; \$54 weekdays. Non-refundable deposit required. Call John Hull, 584-5312.

THE BOOKSTORE AND CAFE ARE MOVING!

THE CAFE WILL CLOSE OCT. 13 AND

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